

at the CHURCH DOOR

By JULIE CANDLER

Hear a young teen age member of a local Birmingham Congregational church's youth group exclaim recently, "We have a ball!"

Sounds like the First Baptist church teen (Senior High BYF) group will be doing likewise when they spend a weekend tobogganing, ice skating, skiing and sleigh riding tomorrow through Sunday.

They're going to the Baptist camp at Lapeer, where they will join young people from other northern district churches for the winter sports weekend.

The winter "sports" are Dave Blanchard, Ann Barsley, Elaine Storrs, Judy Akerley, Paul Frahm, Ken Almas, Paul Turner and Tam Bock.

Learned this week about a church and denomination we have not heard of before.

Ever hear of Swedenborgism? Harry R. Guest of Bloomfield Hills, president of Detroit's Service envelope company, has heard of it. And so has advertising man Sanfried E. Odhner, of Birmingham.

The two men were speakers at a Swedenborg birthday banquet last week at Church of the Holy City, Detroit. Members of the Church of New Jerusalem, Tor, Mich. (which includes Mr. Odhner) also attended the banquet.

The two churches look to Emanuel Swedenborg (1688-1772) for the interpretation of Christian doctrine. But each is affiliated with separate branches of Swedenborgism.

Swedenborg pre-dated LaPlace and Kant in propounding a nebular hypothesis. (And to think I didn't know that 'til now.)

He was a scientist, philosopher, theologian, and wrote 30 volumes on such subjects as heaven and hell, Divine Providence and marital love.

Everybody's heard of the Girls' Friendly society, whose 46 active junior members (13 years and over) play, work on crafts, pray, and serve others together at St. James Episcopal church.

They belong to a worldwide organization founded in England in 1875. Mrs. Eliot Reynolds is leader-in-charge of the GFS staff at St. James. The group observed Girls' Friendly society week last week.

Two Franciscan priests, Father Florian Greve and Father Leonard Foley, conducted a mission for ladies and young ladies of St. Bede's church, 18320 W. 12 Mile road, last week.

Last Sunday they began a mission for men and young men of the parish, which continues through 3 p.m. next Sunday. Morning masses are at 6, 6:45 and 7:45 a.m., and the service each evening is held at 8 p.m.

Just got a tip that the Rev. and Mrs. John W. Metler moved to Birmingham last week, an address on Southfield road near Lincoln. He's the associate minister of North Congregational church, Northwestern highway at Lahser.

Welcome to Birmingham! We join all the Birmingham residents of your congregation in saying, "It's nice to have you close by."

As they observe race relations Sunday at Northwestern Baptist church, 19421 W. 10 Mile road, the Rev. James Manpherson will speak on "Souls Have No Color" at 10 a.m. Sunday.

Exchange to Mark Race Relations Sunday

Participating in the national observance of Race Relations Sunday, the Congregational church of Birmingham will exchange ministers and choir Sunday with the all-Negro Central Congregational church, Linwood and Hogarth, in Detroit.

The Rev. Albert Cleage, Jr., minister of Central church, will preach at both services in the local church. The Robert D. Dewey of the Birmingham church will be preaching at Central Church.

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AT THAT TIME, Congregationalists from the Detroit area joined with Central church members to canvass some 2,000 homes in the Linwood-Hogarth area.

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Check on 'Gems and Femmes'

Checking their progress on ticket sales for the St. Hugo of the Hills Altar guild's "Gems and Femmes" fashion show, Mrs. William J. Whiting (left) and Mrs. Henry Kolts go over some notes at the Kolts' residence. Mrs. Whiting is co-chairman on advertising, while Mrs. Kolts is ticket chairman for the luncheon event, to be held at the Latin Quarter Friday, Feb. 14, at 12:30 p.m. Among the "gems" to be on hand will be the Hope diamond.



Kids Need a Lift

You'll be giving these "hitchhikers" a lift to Chicago for their spring trip if you attend the carnival Feb. 14 at the Congregational church of Birmingham. From left are Gordon Strong, Mike Sommer, Susan Bliss and Steve Taylor, members of the church's Pilgrim fellowship. The group is staging the carnival to "balance the budget" for their annual spring trip, this year to Chicago for a workcamp and sightseeing for the carnival features games for

Lathrup Mission Developer Cited For Chaplaincy

For "devoted and sacrificial service to the men and women of the Armed Forces," the Rev. Howard H. Schaer has been cited by the bureau of service to military personnel of the National Lutheran council, Washington, D. C.

Mr. Schaer is currently serving as mission developer for a Lutheran congregation in Southfield township and Lathrup village, which meets Sundays in Lathrup school.

Mr. Schaer, a board missionary of the American board of missions, the United Lutheran church in America, was a United States Army chaplain (first lieutenant) from July, 1953, to July, 1956. He served part of his active duty in Korea.

BEFORE HIS RETURN to civilian ministry, Mr. Schaer was awarded a letter of commendation by the Army for outstanding service.

The Lathrup mission congregation will be brought to formal organization on the anniversary date of March 30. Its Sunday worship service is held at 11 a.m., with Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. at the school on Southfield between 11 Mile and 12 Mile roads.

Laymen helping Pastor Schaer form a steering committee are Walter Bloom, James Heller, Donald Severn, Milton White and James Werton.

Cold weather doesn't freeze want ad's fast results.

St. Mary's Angelus Guild Elects Officers

Several Birmingham area residents have been elected officers of the Angelus guild of St. Mary's-in-the-Hills Episcopal church, Joynton road, Lake Orion.

They are Mrs. Allen Malcolmson, St. Mary's president, and Mrs. Kelsie Turner and Mrs. James Fuson, committee chairmen.

Mrs. Leonard Grinnell of Pontiac has been elected president of the guild of the parish on the former William Scripps estate, whose rector is the Rev. William C. Hamm.

Among the guild's activities planned for 1958 are its fifth annual country festival to be held July 26, a Sept. 6 auction sale, and bridge parties.

Women 'Man' Office At Ascension Church

By JULIE CANDLER

"I'm the Thursday girl," says Mrs. Leslie (Virginia) Gertz, who answers the phone at Lutheran church of the Ascension when we called last Thursday.

Call the church at 14 Mile road and Pierce street other days, and you might get the Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday girls.

The four volunteers spend one morning a week at the church, answering phones, writing letters, running the mimeograph, and as Mrs. Gertz puts it, "helping out wherever we can." The church has no regular office employee.

MRS. GERTZ, who lives at 185 S. Williamsburg, Birmingham, is now spending her third year as "Thursday" girl.

Monday's are quiet, so there's no Monday girl, but Tuesday mornings Mrs. Peter (Gertrude) Vermore, 17486 Dunblane, Southfield township, Birmingham, takes over. Wednesday's girl is Mrs. Gustaf (Martha) Schaff, of Royal Oak, and Mrs. Al (Loretta) May, of Royal Oak, is Friday's girl.

WITH THE EXCEPTION of Mrs. Schaff, who began assisting only recently, all the other volunteers have been performing the weekly secretarial service for several years.

The women presently "hold down

the fort" alone at the church office, since the former pastor, the Rev. Paul Shippert, left Jan. 15 for a new church near Indianapolis. Rev. Donald Ortnier, interim pastor, presently teaches school and usually comes to the church on weekends only.

Heading a nominating committee which will present to the congregation its nominees for pastor is Peter Vermore, other committee members are Robert Brisky, president of the congregation, Dr. Earl Redfern and Herbert Marks.

ASCENSION CHURCH operates on a policy that all of its funds should come from voluntary gifts. The congregation has never held a money-raising activity such as a fair or rummage sale.

The Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday girls typify the spirit of the church.

Like other members of the church, they have never felt it necessary to work on fund-raising projects. Instead, they make it possible for their church to save the salary of a paid office employee. That's their way of giving service to the Lord.

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Area Episcopal Churchwomen Attend Meet

Women from Birmingham area Episcopal churches heard the Rev. P. T. Zaborski, executive secretary of the National council of Churches' division on college work, speak yesterday at the diocesan convention women's auxiliary meeting.

Attending the meeting at Masonic temple, Detroit, were the delegates from St. James Episcopal church, Mrs. H. Hollis Halliday, Mrs. Wilbur Sears, Mrs. Lawrence A. Smith and Mrs. Arthur Hill. Delegates from Christ Church Cranbrook were Mrs. William A. McNamee, Mrs. Hugh Ralston, Mrs. Robert Winder and Mrs. E. W. Muhltner.

Church of the Advent, Pine lake, was represented by Mrs. Clement White and Mrs. Robert Kent, while St. Stephen's church, Troy, was represented by Mrs. Luel Simmons and Mrs. Robert Meade.

Dr. Harris to Talk On Archaeology

Dr. W. Glen Harris will show methods of archaeological research and places where digs have been conducted when he conducts another in the present series of adult Bible studies in the First Presbyterian church social hall Sunday at 5 p.m.

His talk, titled "Archaeological Operations in Palestine," will illustrate methods by which light is thrown on Biblical knowledge.

Notices of church group meetings and special services must be submitted in writing by 3 p.m. on Thursday before publication date.

Christian Science Society

Franklin, Michigan
26100 German Mill Road
SUNDAY—11 A.M.
SUNDAY SCHOOL—11 A.M.
WEDNESDAY EVENING
TESTIMONY MEETING—8:15
READING ROOM
(In Church Edifice)
Thursday—1-3 P.M.
7:30-9:30 P.M.

Northwestern Baptist Church

19421 West Ten Mile (Near Evergreen)
Sunday Worship Services . . . 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
Sunday School . . . 11:15 a.m.
Youth Groups . . . 6:30 p.m.
Rev. James J. Jannetty, Minister
EL 6-1717

UNITY

Affiliated With The Unity School of Christianity
UNITY SERVICES
Sunday 11:00 A.M.
Sunday School 11:00 A.M.
Reading Room Open 12:00 Noon to 3:00 P.M. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays
1128 West Maple, Birmingham

Franklin Community Church

On Franklin's Village Green
1 block west of Franklin Rd.
at Wellington and Normandy.
MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES
AND CHURCH SCHOOL
10 A.M.
Robert J. Searls, Minister
Assistant to the Minister, Constance D. Koch

ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH

Formerly North Adams Episcopal of America
Eastover School
Westview Road and North Adams Road
Sunday Worship Service
10:00 A.M.
Church School and Nursery School
10:00 A.M.
Minister—Rev. Barton Lloyd

NATIVITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

21220 West 14 Mile Road
(Half way between Cranbrook and Lahser)
Sunday Worship Service
11:15 A.M.
Minister—Rev. Lester Dobyns
MI 4-5210

PREBYTERIAN Kirk in the Hills

SUNDAY WORSHIP
10:30 O'CLOCK
BLOOMFIELD HILLS HIGH SCHOOL
Dr. Harold C. DeWindt, Minister

SOUTHFIELD CHURCH OF CHRIST

Brooks School
Lahser & 11 Mile Rd.
Sunday Services:
10 a.m. Bible School
11 a.m. Morning Worship
7 p.m. Evening Worship
WEDNESDAY—7:45 P.M.
Bible Study and Prayer Service
A Cordial Welcome Awaits You
For Information Call EL 6-4688

ST. ANDREWS LUTHERAN CHURCH

United Lutheran Church of America
6255 Telegraph, 1/10th of a Mile North of Maple
Worship Service 11:00 A.M.
Sunday School 9:30 A.M.
Parsonage: 2241 W. Lincoln Ave.
Phone: MI 6-4118
Rev. John A. Root, Pastor
A National Lutheran Control Church

WELCOME TO BEAUTIFUL SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH

North Adams Road at Whitmore Road
(1/2 mile north of East-West Lake Road)
Sunday Worship Service 11:00 A.M.
Sunday School and Bible Classes 9:45 A.M.
Telephone: MI 6-8124
H. J. KUHLMANN, Pastor

Lutheran CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

(Synodical Conference)
Corner 14 Mile and Pierce Avenue
Rev. D. Ortnier, Pastor
Services—11:00 a.m.
Family Service and Sunday School 9:30 A.M.

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH

Lincoln at Edgewood
(2 Blocks West of Woodward)
Sunday School 10:00 A.M.
Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.
Evening Worship 7:00 P.M.
Thurs. Bible Study 7:30 P.M.
MI 6-2002 Ch. MI 6-8167
Charles J. Whitfield, Pastor

St. James Episcopal Church

355 W. Maple — Birmingham, Mich.
Sunday Services
8:00 A.M. 9:15 A.M. 11:00 A.M.
Church School and Nursery
9:15 and 11:00
Young Peoples Fellowship 5-7 P.M.
Midweek—Holy Communion—Wednesday 11:00 A.M.
Clergy—K. H. Cass—W. E. Snokell—T. G. Phillips
Mus. Dir.—Kent McDonald

ST. BEDE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

12 Mile Road at Southfield Road
ELgin 6-5452
Rev. Cyril J. Keating, Pastor
SUNDAY MASSES
8:00 A.M., 9:30 A.M., 11:00 A.M., 12:15 P.M.
Daily Mass—7:00 A.M.
Holy Day of Obligation Masses
7:00 A.M., 9:30 A.M., 7:30 P.M.
Confessions—Saturday 3:30 P.M., 7:30 P.M.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

1152 Benvenville Birmingham, Michigan LI 2-0855
G. Wheeler Utley, Minister
10:00 A.M. Sunday Bible Class
11:00 A.M. Sunday Worship
6:00 P.M. Sunday Evening Service
7:30 P.M. Wednesday Evening Bible Study
"THE HERALD OF TRUTH"
WXYZ—Each Sunday 5:00-5:30 P.M.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST

Christian Science Services
191 N. Chester — Birmingham, Michigan
Sunday Morning Services 9:45 and 11:30
Sunday School 9:45 and 11:30
Infants' Room (in Reading Room) 9:30 and 11:15
Wednesday Evening Meeting 8:15
READING ROOM, 355 East Maple Ave.
Open 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Except Sundays and Holidays
Evenings 7:00 to 9:00 Except Wednesdays and Thursdays.
Here the Bible and all authorized Christian Science Literature may be read, borrowed or purchased.

NORTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Northwestern at Lahser
11:00 a.m. MORNING SERVICE OF WORSHIP
Ministers: Rev. Ralph H. Read
Rev. John W. Metler
11:00 a.m.—CHURCH SCHOOL
(Nursery through Senior High)
7:00 p.m. PILGRIM FELLOWSHIPS
(Junior and Senior High Young People
ALL ARE WELCOME!

St. James Women Will Hear Story Of Gospel Ship

How a gospel ship sails among inland sea islands of Japan, manned by her husband and a Japanese crew, will be the topic of Mrs. Noah Brannen when she speaks next Wednesday at the woman's auxiliary meeting at St. James Episcopal church.

Mrs. Brannen's talk follows a 9:30 a.m. board meeting, Holy Communion at 11 a.m., and a luncheon (by reservation) at 12:15 p.m. Baby sitting service runs from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

David VanDusen Is Ordained By Bishop

The Rev. David B. Van Dusen was ordained to the sacred office of priest in the Protestant Episcopal church recently at ceremonies at Grace church, Lapeer, Mich.

Ordaining bishop was the Rt. Rev. Richard S. Emrich, bishop of Michigan.

Mr. Van Dusen, son of the C. Theron Van Dusen, of 6035 Birmingham drive, Bloomfield Hills, is presently vicar of St. Dunstan's church, Davison, Mich., a community near Lapeer.

HE WAS PRESENTED for ordination by the Rev. Canon Warner L. Forsyth, rector of St. John's church, Au Sable, who was formerly a member of the clergy at St. James Episcopal church, Birmingham.

Mr. Van Dusen is a graduate of Princeton university and was graduated from Virginia theological seminary last June.

His wife is the former Isabelle Baxter, of Grose Pointe.

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